AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application with the following list of claims:

1. (Currently amended) An apparatus for assisting a speaker in recording planned audio segments for a speech application program, the apparatus comprising:

at least one computer coupled to a computer readable storage to execute the instructions that, when executed, perform:

identifying each instance of text in the speech application program~~, the text indicating~~ that indicates content of planned audio segments for the speech application program ~~that are intended to be recorded~~ and identifying each associated file ~~names~~ name for files storing actual audio segments after the respective planned audio segments have been recorded;

extracting [[the]] each identified instance of text and the associated filenames from the speech application program; [[and]];

creating a recordation plan to assist a speaker in recording the planned audio segments, the recordation plan comprising a file that stores, in association, each identified text indicating the content of the planned audio segments and the corresponding file names for files to store actual audio segments recorded by the speaker uttering the content of the respective planned audio segments such that the recordation plan comprises the text for every planned audio segment for the speech application program and the associated filenames; and

providing the recordation plan to a speaker for recording of each planned audio segment for the speech application program.

2. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the instructions, when executed, perform identifying text indicating that a pause of a specified duration should be inserted in the planned audio segment and creating a silent audio file of the specified duration.

3. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the instructions, when executed, perform:

determining if the pause is indicated as being inserted within a planned audio segment; and

separating the text into separate text segments separated by the pause if the pause is indicated as being inserted within the the planned audio segment.

4. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the instructions, when executed, perform creating at least one new filename associated with at least one of the separate text segments and storing the at least one of the separate text segments in the recordation plan in association with the new filename.

5. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 4, wherein the instructions, when executed, perform modifying the application program such that the new filename is indicated as being associated with the at least one of the separate text segments.

6. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the instructions, when executed, perform:

determining if a given extracted text contains more than one sentence; and

separating the given extracted text into two or more separate text segments such that each of the two or more separate text segments includes no more than one sentence if the given extracted audio segments contain more than one sentence.

7. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the instructions, when executed, perform sorting the extracted text according to the content of the planned audio segments.

8. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the instructions, when executed, perform:

identifying duplicate text indicating a same content for a planned audio segment as at least one other extracted text; and

deleting the duplicate text from the recordation plan.

9. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the instructions, when executed, perform:

identifying variable text indicating a presence of a variable in the extracted text;

determining if a word immediately preceding the variable text is a closed class word; and

separating the extracted text into at least two text segments wherein a first text segment of the at least two text segments ends with the word preceding the variable text if it is determined that the word is not a closed class word.

10. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the speech application program is written in VoiceXML.

11. (Currently amended) A ~~non-volatile~~ non-transitory computer readable storage medium storing a computer program which when executed by a computer performs a method for assisting a speaker in recording planned audio segments for a speech application program, the method comprising:

identifying each instance of text in the speech application program~~, the text indicating~~ that indicates content of planned audio segments for the speech application program ~~that are intended to be recorded~~ and identifying each associated file ~~names~~ name for files storing actual audio segments after the respective planned audio segments have been recorded;

extracting [[the]] each identified instance of text and the associated filenames from the speech application program; [[and]];

creating a recordation plan to assist a speaker in recording the planned audio segments, the recordation plan comprising a file that stores, in association, each identified text indicating the content of the planned audio segments and the corresponding file names for files to store actual audio segments recorded by the speaker uttering the content of the respective planned audio segments such that the recordation plan comprises the text for every planned audio segment for the speech application program and the associated filenames; and

providing the recordation plan to a speaker for recording of each planned audio segment for the speech application program.

12. (Currently amended) The ~~non-volatile~~ non-transitory computer readable storage medium of claim 11, wherein identifying the text includes identifying text indicating that a pause of a specified duration should be inserted in the planned audio segment, the method further comprising creating a silent audio file of the specified duration.

13. (Currently amended) The ~~non-volatile~~ non-transitory computer readable storage medium of claim 12, wherein identifying the text indicating that a pause should be inserted further comprises:

determining if the pause is indicated as being inserted within a planned audio segment; and

separating the text into separate text segments separated by the pause if the pause is indicated as being inserted within the the planned audio segment.

14. (Currently amended) The ~~non-volatile~~ non-transitory computer readable storage medium of claim 11, wherein creating the recordation plan includes creating at least one new filename associated with at least one of the separate text segments and storing the at least one of the separate text segments in the recordation plan in association with the new filename.

15. (Currently amended) The ~~non-volatile~~ non-transitory computer readable storage medium of claim 14, further comprising modifying the application program such that the new filename is indicated as being associated with the at least one of the separate text segments.

16. (Currently amended) The ~~non-volatile~~ non-transitory computer readable storage medium of claim 11, further comprising:

determining if a given extracted text contains more than one sentence; and

separating the given extracted text into two or more separate text segments such that each of the two or more separate text segments includes no more than one sentence if the given extracted audio segment contains more than one sentence.

17. (Currently amended) The ~~non-volatile~~ non-transitory computer readable storage medium of claim 16, further comprising sorting the extracted text according to the content of the planned audio segments.

18. (Currently amended) The ~~non-volatile~~ non-transitory computer readable storage medium of claim 17 comprising:

identifying duplicate text indicating a same content for a planned audio segment as at least one other extracted text; and

deleting the duplicate text from the recordation plan.

19. (Currently amended) The ~~non-volatile~~ non-transitory computer readable storage medium of claim 11, further comprising:

identifying variable text indicating a presence of a variable in the extracted text;

determining if a word immediately preceding the variable text is a closed class word; and

separating the extracted text into at least two text segments wherein a first text segment of the at least two text segments ends with the word preceding the variable text if it is determined that the word is not a closed class word.

20. (Currently amended) The ~~non-volatile~~ non-transitory computer readable storage medium of claim 11, wherein the speech application program is written in VoiceXML.

21-29. (Canceled).